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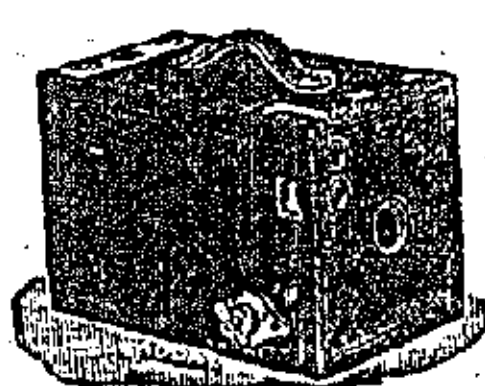
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On 26th December, at Hongkong, the wife of A. BURNETT, of a son. (2997)

On 17th December, at Shanghai, the wife of F. M. BROOKS, of a son.

On 17th December, at Ningpo, the wife of the Rev. HARRISON K. WATSON, of a son.

On 21st December, at Shanghai, the wife of THOMAS SHEDDEN, Imperial Maritime Customs, of a daughter.

On 21st December, at Shanghai, the wife of ALEXANDER REID WILSON, of a daughter.

On 22nd December, at Shanghai, the wife of C. P. NEWTON, of a son.

DEATHS.

On 26th December, at Mid-way in Haiphong (Tonkin), JULIA D'ABADIE, partner of the firm of Marty & D'Abadie of Haiphong. (3007)

On 18th December, at Ningpo, HARRIS SWIFT WRIGHT, infant son of the Rev. and Mrs. HARRISON K. WRIGHT, aged one day.

On 26th December, at Shanghai, T. W. BLANFORD, aged 36 years.

On 21st December, at Shanghai, ELLA, the beloved wife of BENNETT MELLOWS, aged 26 years.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VŒUX ROAD CH. LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1904.

It is a common complaint in the East that house rents are dear, and in Hongkong, we have been accustomed to hear it without cavil, the popular idea being that it must be true because it must be so. That is, it is recognised as a fact that sites suitable for the erection of dwelling houses are scarce. This is not particularly truer than are most popular beliefs. There are sites in plenty still untouched by the foundation digger, sites that are desirable, and sites that will in all probability be built upon as the colony continues its development. For a place of its size, it would be unreasonable to expect to see at any one time more houses in progress of erection than is the case at the end of this year of nineteen-hundred-four. And yet, in spite of the rapidly completing domiciles dotting the slopes of the Peak, and the numerous rows and terraces going up at Kowloon, it appears that in neither district is there any indication of a reduc-

tion in the amount of the monthly rent. On the contrary, we are assured that there are signs of a very appreciable, but not appreciated, increase in the landlords' levies. It is quite reasonable, having regard to the correct definition of dearness, to suggest that, in regarding Hongkong house rents as excessive, the local rent payers are in error. All the same, such a suggestion will probably be received with both surprise and incredulity. It has to be remembered that there is more than one circumstance to take into reckoning. It is not a question only of supply and demand. Upkeep and repairs are more expensive than at Home, and it is by comparison with Home rates that the tenant here acquires the impression that he is being imposed upon. Then, too, the value of money being greater, the investor in house property has a natural right to expect returns to some degree commensurate with those enjoyed by the holders of other forms of investment.

Taking as examples the men of small income, the European clerk say, with salary at \$175 a month, he must pay, at Kowloon, for the most modest domicile suiting his condition, from \$56 to \$67 a month. The same person at Home would get a similarly appropriate dwelling for \$30s. to £2 a month, but he would receive only, at the handsomest computation, something like £9 a month as salary. Thus, the margin left after the initial outlay to the Hongkong clerk is more than half his income, while at Home the balance available for other needs is considerably over the three-fourths. This would appear to demonstrate the truth of the statement as to the dearth of Hongkong rentals. What has been said must, however, be qualified in several important particulars. In arriving at Home figures, we have quoted provincial rents and maximum salaries. As a matter of fact, the \$175 and \$200 clerk at Hongkong would find keen competition for his Home situation at £5 a month; while in a city of the size and commercial importance of Hongkong he could not hope to find a conveniently situated house for anything like the rents we have mentioned. Train or bus fares would probably about balance the fiscal or chair expenses here, taking the figures in proportion. Keeping still to the same incomes, we may assume that the colonial clerk has the advantage. Many of his necessities, and more of his luxuries, are cheaper. He may, if he chooses, live better, and save more for a rainy day, than his desk-enslaved colleague at Home can ever hope to do. There is, of course, the question of domestic service. A wife cannot, if she would, play the drudge out here that she does at Home, so that the cost of servants' hire has to be faced by the married man of modest income. That he has so often, in Hongkong, to share his roof with others, to meet the rent difficulty, is a much less trying feature than the common necessity at Home, in like circumstances, of taking in lodgers. Considerations such as these should moderate some of the expressions of discontent so frequently heard locally.

The N. C. Daily News, replying to some observations recently made in this journal, appears to quarrel more with the style than the matter of our comments on municipal affairs in the northern port. This attitude is unusual with our contemporary, and scarcely consistent with its habitual dignity. However, we are indeed glad to hear that we were misinformed as to the revenue said to be derived from questionable sources; and that the charge against the Shanghai Council, which we quoted from another Shanghai paper, was a scurrilous one. Our contemporary has evidently slipped in characterising as an absurdity the supposition "that any police in the world would fix a date beforehand for a raid." We cannot believe that the Shanghai police fix the date after the event.

Small lots of Crown land will be auctioned at Tai-po on Thursday.

Dr. George King, of the Peking Syndicate, in Honan, North China, is reported to have died of pneumonia.

The weekly return of communicable diseases in the Colony shows one European case of scarlet fever and one Chinese case of smallpox.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 25th December, 1904, were 219 non-Chinese and 111 Chinese to the former, and 84 non-Chinese and 1,307 Chinese to the latter institution.

We have received from Mr. Herbert L. Beer, of Weihaiwei, a report of the recent prize distribution at the school there. We quoted from the report after it appeared in the N. C. Daily News on December 5th. The report now reaches us in a particularly tasteful pamphlet printed at the N. C. Herald office.

Mr. A. Humphreys left for California yesterday, by the s.s. Manchuria, for a change of climate.

A Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday contained an announcement by the Harbour Master that information had been received that the hulk *Enie J. Ray* was abandoned off the Pratas Reef on the 24th December, and is now derelict and a danger to navigation.

North China Daily News telegrams published on December 21st say that the captain of the Russian ship *Grosvenor*, on board the s.s. *Nigretia* when that vessel was captured, had with him a lot of valuable charts and documents. He was on parole at Shanghai.

The demand by the Shanghai Taotai for the rendition of two Russian marines charged with murdering a Chinaman was telegraphically reported in this paper a week ago. The N. C. Daily News explains that he proposed to try them by "In criminal law."

Two Austrian sailors were charged, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Police Court yesterday morning, with behaving in a riotous and disorderly manner in Queen's Road Central on Boxing Day. They were each fined \$5, in default 14 days.

During the Christmas festivities an inebriated Jack Tar was taken to No. 7 Police Station, where he accused the Inspector on duty. "Say, boss, is this the Sailors' Home?" "No," replied the Inspector, "but it has been the home of many a sailor."

The Japan papers were misled in reporting that the big life insurance claim at Yokohama (for yen 23,000) was against the New York Life. It appears that a Court official was responsible for the mistake. It now appears that the company concerned was the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. As we published the item from the Japan papers, we must publish this correction.

A Crown Lands sale was held at the Public Works Department yesterday, when Marine Lot No. 239, after keen competition, was knocked down to Messrs. Yung Tai Ngan and Fung Chun Yuen for \$128,200, being \$14,500 above the upset price. R. B. Lot No. 119, at Deep Water Bay, was sold to the Green Island Cement Company for \$806, being \$20 above the upset price.

The H.K.F.C. "A" team will play the Royal Engineers' Reserve team (Association) at Happy Valley this afternoon; kick-off at a quarter to five. The following will play for the Club:—Dr. Grover, goal; E. F. Aucutt and R. Henderson, backs; H. S. Kennet, C. A. Brown and A. Loureiro, halves; H. A. Seth, F. O. Davies, H. H. Taylor, J. Wemyss and T. Clarke, forwards.

The rumour of a Russian cruiser in Australian waters gains by the following: The *Chefoo Daily News* of the 18th inst. says that a letter received in Chefoo gives the surprising news that the Russian cruiser *Diana* has turned up in an Australian port, having given the French at Saigon the slip. Our contemporary says that she will probably attempt to join the Baltic squadron; but in that case, the N. C. Daily News points out, she would hardly have selected a British port to start from.

With reference to the Shanghai Taotai's formal demand on the Russian Consul-General for the custody of the Russian sailors concerned in the murder of the Chinese Cook *Seang-yu* the "Native Notes" writer in our Shanghai contemporary says there is one significant sentence, namely: "That these sailors, instead of being thankful for their good fortune in escaping from death and danger (at the hands of their foes), should on the contrary turn around and ruthlessly slay an unoffending person is a crime of the blackest hue and deserving of the deepest indignation from everyone."

His Highness Prince Aziz Hassan, of Egypt, arrived at Kowloon on Saturday night, the 17th instant, and the next morning paid a visit to the Chinese city. He was very much delighted in having his fortune told by a Chinaman, in one of the City temples. The Prince was accompanied by Mr. Deveria, of the I. M. Customs, and, coming back from the city, had lunch with Messrs. A. J. Basto and R. Baude, on the Customs Assistants' house-boat. Prince Aziz Hassan was, before leaving Kowloon, the guest of Mr. Maze, acting Commissioner of Customs.

At the Police Court yesterday morning Mr. H. J. Gompertz remanded a case wherein Wong Chun Yau was charged with attempting to commit forgery, in that he did forge a certificate in order to evade payment of £100 poll tax which is charged Asiatics who wish to enter the Commonwealth of Australia. Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor, instructed by Chief Detective Inspector Hanson, prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. H. Brutton appeared on behalf of the defendant, and applied for bail. This was allowed in the sum of \$10,000.

The following advt from the *Matrimonial Gazette* has local interest: "English Gentleman, 28, tall, fair, and considered good-looking, residing and holding good appointment in the largest and healthiest port in China, desires correspondence with an English lady, with a view to matrimony. She must not object to residence in the Far East, and musical ability, dancing, riding, driving, conversation, tennis, golf, and interest in sport generally is desirable. Good style, looks, and figure essential. Private means a consideration, but not altogether necessary. Photographs exchanged. Address in first instance in strict confidence to M.S.A., The British Post Office, Shanghai, China."

Telegraphing from Tokyo on Dec. 21st, the N. C. Daily News correspondent reported that the N.Y.K.S. *Owari Maru*, 1016 tons gross, was driven ashore in a gale, at Nemuro in Hokkaido. All on board were saved.

A Tientsin native paper states that certain Germans have lately been purchasing horses in Lammiao, the great mart in Mongolia, and have already sent about a hundred towards Mukden way. As these Germans say that they desire to purchase five hundred more it has aroused the suspicion of the Waiwup and steps have been taken to prevent this violation of neutrality.

The N. C. Daily News says.—The leakage of documents from Chinese yamen is constant and universal, but it has seldom been as noticeable as it is in the case of the Taotai's yamen at the present time. Copies of letters and despatches appear in the native Press sometimes before they have reached the people to whom they are addressed, and there seems to be little or no control exercised over the underlings in the yamen.

The *Chefoo Echo* says: We have to chronicle another quiet but pretty wedding which took place at the British Church on Dec. 15 when the Rev. J. Hind and Miss Carpenter, both of the C. M. S. Mission, were bound for aye with the *vincola matrimonii*. Mr. Pakenham-Walsh acted as organist, and Archdeacon Wolfe and Rev. L. Lloyd performed the ceremony. The happy couple left shortly after for Sharp Peak, where the honeymoon is to be spent.

It is stated that, at the Weihaiwei goldmines, for the first eleven days of December two hundred and ninety-four oz. (294 oz.) of amalgam was collected and reduced down to bullion at 26 per cent, giving seventy-six and a half (76½) oz. of gold. The loss on the tailings was reduced from two and a half dwts. to one dwt. per ton, and the quantity of concentrates was increased from one ton to one and a half tons per day. The concentrates average about one oz. fifteen dwt. per ton (1 oz. 15 dwt). This result gives a little over 100 per cent. better results than the November crushing and leaves room for further improvement.

Vessels from Hongkong, or having called at this port, are subject in Netherlands-India to a quarantine of ten days from the date of departure from this port or since the last case of plague on board. Importation is temporarily prohibited of animal r. f. use, claws, and hoofs, hides which are untanned and which are salted or cured with arsenic, raw wool and rugs, bags or sacks which have already been used, coming from Hongkong or transhipped at this port. Also it is temporarily prohibited to import from Hongkong into Netherlands India tapestry and used embroideries unless they are transported as personal baggage or in consequence of change of residence.

Hongkong enjoys a reputation for religious toleration, but in every community there is to be found somebody keen to raise the odium theologium. It appears that the fact that the laying of the foundation stone of a Roman Catholic Church in Kowloon within a few days of the commencement of work on the new Episcopal Church which Sir Paul Chater is generously building has suggested the appearance of bitter rivalry between Catholics and Protestants. As a matter of fact, the proposal to build a Catholic Church at Kowloon had taken definite shape long before the other. It was an "open secret" that Dr. Gomes intended devoting a third part of the legacy he received from his father to that object, but until the dispute over the will had been settled the matter had to remain in abeyance. The practical and unostentatious assistance Dr. Gomes has for many years given to Catholic institutions, especially in Kowloon, is very generally known, and it was long ago recognised that the growing population on the Peninsula had rendered a larger Catholic Church a necessity. It surprises most people when they learn for the first time that there is neither an Episcopal nor a Roman Catholic Church in Kowloon worthy of the name.

THE EXECUTION OF EUROPEANS IN HONGKONG.

Following upon the paragraph in our "Hongkong Jottings" which appeared in yesterday's issue mentioning the fact that last week was not the first time that the sentence of death had been passed in the Colony upon white men, we have been furnished with the dates of two executions which occurred previous to the one quoted in the paragraph. The first white man hanged in this Colony was a sailor named Charles Ingood, of H.M. *Driver*. This execution took place on July 3rd, 1845.

The next execution was a double one on March 7th, 1859. Three men named Gibbons, Williams, and Jones were sentenced to death for the murder of a Chinaman on board the American ship *Matif*, robbery being the motive of the crime. From the *Daily Press* of that date we learn that the men, as their conduct proved, were "hardened, blasphemous ruffians" and "although the evidence was circumstantial as to which committed the murder, or as to the share each had in it, still that it lies between the three there is not a shadow of doubt." The life of Williams was spared. The issue of the *Daily Press* from which we are quoting contains scathing comments on the "inefficiency of the hangman." "Over and over again," it says, "have the press denounced in unmeasured language the revolting scenes which have occurred on Hongkong scaffolds, but never has it been our lot to hear the recital of such another scene as occurred yesterday morning."

Apparently there was no room for criticism when Charles Newman was hanged on December 19th, 1878.

TELEGRAMS.

GENERAL NEWS.

[DAILY PRESS SERVICE.]

THE RUSSIAN MILLENNIUM.

LONDON, 27th December.

The Tsar's manifesto promises an extension of local representation on the zemstvos; state insurance for workmen; unification of legal procedure; and the circumscription of the discretionary power at present vested in the administrative authorities.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]

COLLIERS DISCHARGING AT PORT SAID.

LONDON, 25th December.

The colliers *Yeddo* and *Otaneriff* for Moolambigue with 10,000 tons of coal have discharged their cargoes at Port Said. A German steamer is taking on part of the coal to an unknown destination.

THE WAR.

(N. C. Daily News Service.)

JAPANESE PROGRESS AT PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 26th December.

The occupation of the north fort on East Chikuanshan implies a gap in the north-east section of the *enciente*, and brings the Japanese nearer to the Chinese walls, which are four metres thick.

EAST CHIKUANSHAN.

TOKYO, 21st December.

The Japanese can only in the capture of the north fort on East Chikuanshan (Cockscorn Hill) are estimated at about four hundred. Its occupation is almost as valuable as that of the 203-metre hill, as it facilitates the plunging cross-fire of the Japanese into the eastern inner harbour, which is now brought within three thousand metres. So far, no counter-attacks by the Russians have been reported.

The Tokyo papers predict an early onslaught on Signal Hill, the top of which is not much more than a hundred and forty yards in front of East Chikuanshan.

RUSSIAN REPORTS FROM PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, 19th December.

The open boat which arrived at Chefoo on the 18th was a man-of-war's boat, and brought the commander of a battleship, who is a messenger from General Stissel, and who was wounded in the leg in the assault on 20th-metre hill. He was accompanied by a naval officer and six sailors.

He states that they left Liaotishan at 7 p.m. on the 15th inst., in the face of a furious snow-storm, and arrived at Chefoo after seventeen hours' struggle. Most of the crews of the men-of-war at Port Arthur have been landed, and only a small number of men have been left on each ship.

The *Sebastopol* alone has her full crew on board, the other men-of-war having been compelled by General Stissel, notwithstanding the protests of Admiral Wierins, to land their heavy guns for use in the forts.

The fight for 203-metre hill lasted a fortnight, and the Russians lost about 2,500 men, the Japanese losses having been much heavier.

In the first attack on the hill, when the Japanese crept up the slope in the face of a furious fire, and hoisted their flag on the summit, a Russian non-commissioned officer, named Peter Constantinovitch, dashed to the place, seized the flag, and began to tear it to pieces with his teeth, but was shot dead on the spot.

The second attack was the most severe, the Russians and the Japanese firing at each other with their rifles touching each others' breasts.

In the third attack, the Japanese poured kerosene oil on the breastworks and set them on fire, compelling the Russians to retreat.

Still the 203-metre hill is not yet fully occupied by the Japanese, whose unique bravery the Russians can hardly find words to praise.

During the fighting on the hill, a Japanese private hoisted a flag, and dashed into the Russian line with it. He was shot dead, but the flag was raised again by another, who was also shot, and this went on until eight men were shot, one after another. The Russian commander on the spot was so moved at the sight of this bravery that he ordered his men not to shoot the flag-bearer, as the Japanese would not yield a step unless the flag was hoisted there.

The Russians then asked for an armistice for five hours to allow them to remove the killed and wounded.

None of the men-of-war in the harbour were sunk by the Japanese fire, but the Russians sank them all to the deck to protect them from the Japanese fire, but some of them unaltered their masts and landed their guns. It is true that some of them have been damaged, but the damages are all repairable.

General Stissel was slightly wounded but has completely recovered.

Many officers were killed and wounded in the fighting at 203-metre hill, but Generals Smirnov and Balashoff have not been hurt.

There are some sixteen thousand combatants at Port Arthur, of whom eight thousand are in hospital.

The garrison of the forts has no rest, but is under arms night and day. Wounded men from the hospitals are on duty in their handgates.

Generals Smirnov and Kondratovich are in the forts commanding the troops night and day. Though the harbour entrance almost every night, General Stissel has ordered the forts not to waste on them the ammunition provided for the defence, and the *Sebastopol* was detailed to come out of the harbour to attack the Japanese torpedo-boats, and she has already sunk three or four of them.

One of them is sunk near the harbour entrance, and her mast is visible above water.

Admiral Wierins was slightly wounded in the arm the first time he came out of the harbour on board the *Sebastopol*, and was to return to the *Retisun* the next morning.

Admiral Roschinsky, on board the *Otvaizny*, is directing the operations of laying mines and sweeping the sea in preparation for the arrival of the Baltic fleet.

The fleet did not attempt a sortie when it was suffering from the Japanese fire because most of the ships have landed their heavy guns for use in the forts.

It is stated that the Russian Commander was greatly surprised to learn that the Baltic fleet was still off the African coast, it being believed at Port Arthur that the fleet would arrive there within a week or ten days.—Special correspondent.

GARRISON ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS, HONGKONG, 24th December.

GENERAL ORDERS.—Arrivals.—No. 207. One 2nd Class Hospital Assistant arrived on 20th instant per s.s. *Gregory Apair* from Calcutta for duty with H.K.S. By R.G.A. The undermentioned Officers arrived on 22nd inst. per s.s. *Roon* from Colombo. 2nd Lt. West Kent Regt. Lieut. J. T. T. W. Fennes (For duty), Lieut. E. H. Norman and Lieut. A. H. Pulman, en route for N. China.

GARRISON ORDERS.—More.—No. 2. The 110th Mahratta L. I. will return to barracks on the 6th proximo from Camp. Arrangements to be made with the O. C. Transport. *Coal* issue.—No. 3. Owing to the present cold and damp weather the General Officer Commanding authorises an issue of coal where the same can be utilised, for two weeks under para. IV, Sec. IV. Local Regulations, to all Indian troops in Garrison. The scale of issue will be 120 lbs. for every ten men. *Field Firing*.—No. 4. Field firing will be carried out by the 2nd Royal West Kent Regt. on the slopes West of Shatin Pass on the 28th instant.

By Order, A. A. CHICHESTER, Major, Chief Staff Officer.

CALENDARS.

The North British and Mercantile Insurance Co. (Agents, Messrs. Shevan, Tomes & Co.) send a calendar for the year. Mr. W. H. T. Davis, manager of the Hongkong Branch of the Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd., No. 10, Des Vœux Road Central, has sent us a calendar. The Company effects insurance against fire, marine loss and accident, as well as issuing life insurance policies. The Eastern and Australian Steamship Co. Ltd. have prepared attractive calendars showing views of the s.s. *Empire*, a popular liner on the Hongkong-Australia and Japan run. Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co. are agents of the line at Hongkong, Poochoo and Shanghai. Another calendar shows a pretty view of the Boa Vista Hotel, of Macao—the Sanatorium of South China.

FRENCH CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

The French river steamer *Charles Hardoin* resumed her run on the Hongkong-Canton river service last evening. The *Paul Beau* is to follow this evening, a regular service having been recommenced. The vessels, built in France, were formerly run by M. Jean Treveaux. The Messageries Maritimes are agents for the new company, which bears the builder's name—"Compagnie Française de Navigation et des Constructions Navales," the head office being at Paris. The firm also contemplates running steamers to Wuchow, and later, perhaps, another taking in Macao.

DEATH OF BISHOP PIAZZOLI.

The Rev. Fr. P. de Maria, pro-vicar-Apostolic in Hongkong, received a telegram from Milan yesterday afternoon stating that the Right Reverend Luigi M. Piazzoli, R. C. Bishop of Hongkong, was dead. Monsignor Piazzoli was medically advised to proceed to Europe some months ago. He has had a very brilliant career. He was born in Italy in 1845, studied at Milan and came to the Far East in 1869. After spending twenty-two years in the interior of China he came to Hongkong in 1892, and was made Bishop of Hongkong in 1895. He was both respected and popular. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated this morning; and there will be a special service on the third day.

ZETLAND LODGE.

Bro. H. Sykes was last evening installed Worshipful Master of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, English Constitution, in succession to Wor. Bro. J. W. L. Oliver. The ceremony was performed by Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, Deputy District Grand Master, and the officers of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, English Constitution. Wor. Bro. Sykes invested his officers as follows:—Bro. W. H. Purcell, Senior Warden; Bro. A. H. Skelton, Junior Warden; Bro. H. B. Townshend, Chaplain; Bro. W. King, Treasurer; Wor. Bro. G. Piercy, Secretary; Bro. A. E. Crapnell, Senior Deacon; Bro. J. C. Lowe, Junior Deacon; Bro. S. D. Hickie, Organist; Bro. C. Fittock, Inner Guard; Bro. J. Wilson, Director of Ceremonies; Bros. J. B. Winter and W. C. Drew, Stewards; Bro. J. Vanstone, Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards held in the hall down stairs.

JAPANESE POLITICS.

A Tokyo journalist writes of recent shilly-shally tactics that abound in farcical incidents. The leaders of the *Seiyukai* and the Progressives had a conference with the Cabinet on Dec. 14th when the Cabinet assented to another curtailment of one million yen in the Budget, and the Minister of War assented to re-arrangement to the extent of Ten-500,000 in the settlement, not in the Budget. The Parliamentary undergrounds pretend, of course, to assume a stalwart attitude, but a menace of dissolution is always effective. Count Matsukata, G.C.M.G. formerly Premier and Minister of Finance several times, says that the war finances depend upon the co-operative prosecution of public bonds with increased taxation. Those who are opposed to increased taxation in war time were not entitled to speak on war finances, and those who were solely anxious in regard to the effect of the increased taxation on the productive industries were still less worthy of doing so. Count Matsukata believes that free trade is out of date, and ridicules its supporters.

In consequence of the decease of Bishop Piazzoli the Catholic Union will be closed today. The performances of "Ali Baba" have been postponed, particulars of which appear in our advertisement columns.

HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held in the Board Room yesterday afternoon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson presided, and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. N. H. Jones, the Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Col. W. E. Webb, R.A.M.C., Mr. Fung Wa Chien, Mr. F. J. Badesley, Mr. Lau Chi Pak, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Mr. A. Rumjahn, Mr. H. F. Pollock, K.C., Dr. F. Clarke, Dr. H. Macfarlane, Dr. P. Barnett, and Mr. Orme (Assistant Secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed.

A MOTION.

The President, pursuant to notice, moved—that the Board, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, appoint Police Sergeant Robert Fruton, a Sanitary Inspector for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the bye-laws for the "Prevention or mitigation of epidemic, endemic or contagious disease."

Mr. LAU CHI PAK seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

CHINESE METHOD OF SLAUGHTERING.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, in a minute to the Board, wrote:—The large animals, water buffaloes, are shot at Kennedy Town by a service rifle and at Hung Hom by a Winchester carbine. These are used by the Inspector only. Pattern hammer poleaxes were made locally after the English pattern, but were not a great success. The butchers had not the dexterity required. A heavier and modified form was substituted and these new work satisfactorily.

Mr. E. A. Hewett moved—I should like to have an official statement from the C.V.S. that the present pattern of poleaxe is of the best pattern suitable for use here. What we have to aim at is that animals slaughtered for food are done to death as humanely, and with as little pain as possible.

The Colonial Veterinary Surgeon again moved—The poleaxe in use produces considerable unconsciousness instantaneously, and is, so far as I know, the most suitable weapon for use by Chinese butchers. The effectiveness in producing death with a minimum of suffering is quite equal to the English pattern. The reason why the English pattern was not a success is that the English butcher strikes his blow with a swing as in golf playing, whereas the Chinese butcher strikes his blow overhead in the same way as a fore hammer is used by a blacksmith. The English pattern was therefore too light for use here by Chinese unless with a training that meant an infliction of suffering which it was our object to avoid.

OPEN SPACE.

There was an application for a modification of the requirements of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance in respect of No. 8, Chung Ching Street.

The President moved, Mr. A. Rumjahn seconded, and it was agreed that the application be granted.

REBUILDING OLD HOUSES.

Another application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 104, Jervois Street, and Nos. 8 and 10, Cleverly Street. The owner of these houses contemplated rebuilding the premises, and applied for exemption from provision of backyards as the houses would be fronting Jervois Street with Cleverly Street along the side and Kwai Wa Lane for a portion of the back. The houses were intended for a good class of tenants—not coolies.

Mr. Perkins, of the P.W.D., moved that the case was exceptional, as the owner was being forced to pull down the present premises under notice from the Public Works Department. Therefore, it seemed harsh when they were forcing a man to rebuild the entire place, to also subject him to penalties for so doing by restricting his available building area. He would suggest that, if a first-floor floor was erected as a floor for the first floor the building might be exempted from open space on the ground floor which was practically shops, and that an open space of at least 100 square feet for the rest of the building be insisted on.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., in a minute, recommended that under the exceptional circumstances the Board require a yard of restricted area, about 100 square feet. This would involve no great hardship, the yard being suggested being less than one tenth of the site.

The Hon. Registrar-General moved—Why is the owner being forced to pull down the building?

The Hon. D.P.W. moved—Walls in a dangerous condition, and after much pressure the architects agreed to pull down the entire premises, but pressed that some modification should be given in view of the fact that Government was insisting on pulling down the house which they held was not seriously defective. The proposals are for really improved premises to those that exist at present, and the modification recommended by the M.O.H. should be granted.

The President moved that the Board approve the application with such modifications as recommended by the M.O.H.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LANE AREA.

A third application was for a modification of the requirements in respect of Nos. 26, 28, 30, and 32, First Street. It was an application to allow a lane at the rear of the mentioned houses to count towards the open area as required by the Ordinance. The applicant also asked for exemption from the provisions of a scavenging lane, as an open lane of ten feet in width had been provided entirely by the owner of the property.

Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., recommended that all that portion of the lane in excess of six feet in width required by the Ordinance be allowed to count as open space in the rear, provided that a wall in the plan be removed.

The Hon. D.P.W. moved—I agree with the M.O.H.

The President moved that the application be granted subject to the terms mentioned in the M.O.H.'s minute.

Mr. A. Rumjahn seconded, and it was agreed to.

THE EUROPEAN RESERVATION.

There was also an application for a modification of the requirements in respect of No. 18, Caine Road. It was an application to erect a kitchen on the roof of the house.

Dr. B. Barnett, Assistant M.O.H., in a minute, did not recommend exemption, as he thought it would form a bad precedent, and if the land in the rear was built over such a kitchen would obstruct the air from such houses. He thought that if a closed stove were used in the present kitchen the occupants of the house would not suffer from a smoky chimney.

Messrs. E. A. Hewett and the Captain Superintendent of Police moved—Refuse.

The Hon. Registrar-General moved—I agree with the Assistant M.O.H. Is not the building in the European Reservation?

The Hon. D.P.W. moved—This building is not in the European Reservation, but this does not affect the matter.

Mr. A. Rumjahn—I think it is in the European Reservation.

The Hon. Mr. JONES—No, that is on the other side of the road.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—All Caine Road is in the European Reservation.

The President moved, the Hon. Mr. BREWIN seconded, and it was agreed that the application be refused.

FIVE STOREY HOUSES.

A further application was made for a modification of the requirements in respect of a building on Kowloon Inland Lot No. 402 Robinson Road.

This application was in respect of Station Hotel. The applicant desired to erect five storey wings at the rear of the building. Dr. F. Clarke, M.O.H., recommended that Mr. J. Lemm's (the architect) plan be not accepted. If, however, he left additional open space of more than 400 square feet around the building he recommended that the plan be accepted—the extra open space would make a great difference to the lighting and ventilating of the Hotel.

Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., moved—I think that the new plan may be accepted.

Mr. A. Rumjahn moved—I agree with Mr. Pollock.

The Hon. Registrar-General moved—The acceptability of this plan seems to depend upon the probability of the neighbouring lot owners not making as much use as they can of their lots. This is not very likely. What does the community gain and what does it lose by our accepting this plan?

The President—The community gains an addition of 400 square feet around the building which could not be insisted upon.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I do not think it worth it. I do not think the benefit is worth allowing an extra storey to exclude light and increase surface crowding.

Mr. F. J. BADELEY—The matter goes to the Governor in Council.

The Hon. Mr. BREWIN—I move the Board decline to recommend, and leave the matter for the consideration of the Government. It is an exceptional thing for houses to exceed four storeys here. They ought to give some reason for the rule to be relaxed. The M.O.H. says that 400 feet will be given to increase in height the building. I think four storeys high enough for any building. I move that we recommend the application be refused.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT—If the Board establish a precedent it may have a far-reaching effect—it might lead to the introduction of five storey buildings calculated to promote overcrowding. So many more storeys, so many more people to the acre!

Dr. F. CLARKE—It is going to be a European hotel.

Mr. E. A. HEWETT—It may later be converted into a Chinese hotel.

Mr. Fung Wa Chien—I second the (Mr. Brown's) motion.

The motion was carried.

A BALCONY.

There was an application for permission to erect a balcony in respect of No. 51, Bonham Strand.

Mr. A. Rumjahn moved—What about the other requirements? The height of the building should not exceed one and a quarter times the width of the street.

On the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. E. A. HEWETT, the application was granted.

OTHER APPLICATIONS.

Applications respecting the sale and preparation of food were then dealt with.

MORTALITY STATISTICS.

The mortality statistics for the week ended the 10th December, death rate per 1,000 per annum, showed the following figures:—British and foreign civil population, 15.4; corresponding week last year 15.5; previous week, 41.1. Chinese community, 17.5; corresponding week last year, 15.2; previous week, 16.2.

LIMEWASHING RETURN.

The Limewashing Return for the fortnight ended the 20th inst. showed that 2,981 houses had been attended to in the Central District, and 1,598 houses in the Western District.

RAT RETURN.

During the week ended the 20th inst. 304 rats were caught at Hongkong, including 94 plague infected rats; and 209, including 3 infected, at Kowloon.

The new advertisements in to-day's issue include one by Mr. J. M. G. Pereira, who is doing a small business in the wine trade, announcing the arrival of a consignment of port wine direct from Portugal.

SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 27th December.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUNISH JUDGE).

THE PO YIK FIRM V. AU CHUN SANG AND OTHERS.

This was a claim for \$264.79 made by the Po Yik firm, rice merchants, 172, Wing Lok Street, against Au Chun Sang, Au Young Shian and Au Young Cheong alias Au Yang, formerly partners in the late Tai Lung firm, of No. 356, Des Vaux Road West, on account of goods sold and delivered. The plaintiff also claimed the costs of the action.

Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared for the plaintiff firm; Mr. Barlow for the third defendant; and Mr. Otto-Kong Sing for the first defendant. The second defendant was not represented, and was absent from court when the case was called.

Mr. Thomson said the only question was whether the defendants had been really partners in the Tai Lung firm. He would prove that they had been, and that the second defendant was the managing partner. They had made payments to the plaintiff firm on various occasions, but when a member of the plaintiff firm visited the Tai Lung firm to collect money on the 31st October he found the shop closed and only the second defendant on the premises. The second defendant gave full particulars as to who were partners in the Tai Lung firm. The third defendant subsequently, with reference to payment of the money owed by the defendants to the plaintiff firm, said he owned but a small share in the business, and would have to see the others first.

His Honour, after hearing the evidence, found the defendants to be partners in the Tai Lung firm, and he gave judgment for the plaintiff firm with costs.

THE HO FAT KEE F. LI KAN TAI.

The plaintiff in this action claimed \$150 plus \$10.50, \$10 being costs and \$50.50 expense on account of a bailiff. Mr. O. D. Thomson appeared on behalf of the plaintiff firm of contractors, doing business at No. 49, Queen's Road East. The defendant, a junk owner whose junk is under arrest, appeared in person. The plaintiff alleged that the money had been lent by him to the defendant.

The case was adjourned till 2.15 p.m. to-day to subpoena a witness.

THE EWO COTTON SPINNING AND WEAVING CO., LD.

The report presented at the ninth ordinary meeting held at Shanghai on December 23rd, was as follows:

The General Managers submit a statement of accounts to 31st October, 1904, showing the result of twelve months' working to that date.

At the opening of the financial year in November, 1903, cotton could be bought on reasonable terms, but it gradually advanced in price up to April, from which date the higher level established was maintained until August, supported chiefly by heavy demand for export. Notwithstanding this, the Mill production was sold at a profit for the first six months, when owing to the outbreak of hostilities between Japan and Russia our Northern outlets were practically closed to us, and with accumulating stocks and interest thereon profits disappeared.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, including the sum brought forward from last year, amounts to Tls. 12,944.76, which is proposed to carry forward to next account.

Consulting Committee.—In accordance with Article XVII, the members of the Consulting Committee retire, but all are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—During the absence of Mr. Geo. E. Wingrove, the accounts of the Company have been audited by Mr. W. H. Anderson on his behalf. The re-election of Mr. Wingrove to the position of Auditor requires the confirmation of the shareholders.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Shanghai, 6th December, 1904.

THE ACCOUNTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT For the year ended 31st October, 1904.

Capital—Authorized 50,000 shares at Tls. 50; Tls. 1,000,000; subscribed 15,000 at Tls. 50

Jardine, Matheson & Co. 750,000.00

Accounts payable 13,846.27

Unsettled dividend 2,308.00

Surplus creditors 2,947.35

Profit and loss 12,944.76

Tls. 1,053,946.38

ASSETS.

Property 138,639.85

Buildings 222,280.00

Water supply 367,893.51

Furniture 4,220.81

Mill stores 1,443.87

Cotton stock 1,407.79

Cotton yarn in process 37,792.35

Yarn stock 116,045.18

Unexpired fire insurance premium 5,273.68

Rates and taxes 419.15

Accounts receivable 19,044.32

Advances against seed cotton 11,229.10

Tls. 1,053,946.38

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

To interest 38,785.50

To fire insurance 16,184.78

To rates and taxes 4,235.38

To repairs and renewals 19,245.28

To directors' fees 256.00

To General Managers' commission on net profits 10 per cent. on Tls. 1,321.92

By balance from last year 11,655.3

By balance of working account 71,137.30

By transfer fees 66.14

By excess provision in last year's account for legal expenses, etc., in connection with reduction in capital 218.43

Tls. 83,749.90

MEXICAN CURRENCY.

The scheme for a reform of the currency which was presented by the Minister of Finance to the Mexican Congress had been expected for some time past. Soon after the success of the Indian currency reform was fully recognised, Mexico took steps to investigate the monetary question in the new light afforded by the experience of the Indian scheme. A small Commission of Mexican experts in finance visited the United States and Europe, and the result of their investigations was the re-imagined adoption of some scheme which should practically place the Mexican currency on a gold basis. Considerable objections were raised to this proposal in certain quarters, and the introduction of the measure by the Minister of Finance is regarded as an indication that the scheme is now supported in the highest circles; indeed, private advices from Mexico go so far as to say that the projected law is expected to come into force on January 1 next. The monetary unit will be fixed at 50 cents gold, or practically, 2s. per dollar. Presumably a new coin will be minted for the purpose of internal circulation; but the old Mexican dollar will, it is believed, continue to be minted on full security being given that the demand is only for export purposes. As these coins are so largely used in the Far East, the convenience of this policy would be a matter of convenience to International trade, and at the same time would afford a ready channel for getting rid of surplus supplies of Mexican silver. The change, if carried through, will not, it is thought, have so important an effect upon Mexican business as might have been expected. The recent improvement in the price of silver has raised the value of the Mexican dollar in the past two years from about 18d. to 22½d., at which latter figure it has stood since October 28, so that the fixing of the new dollar at 24d. will involve a rise of but 4 to 5 per cent. in the value of the currency. Exporters of goods from Mexico should not feel the change very keenly, whilst all classes in the country, including foreign Corporations working there, will benefit from the fixing of the currency upon a stable basis, and the consequently steadier conditions of the exchange. Judging from the experience of the first effect upon similar lines in the East, the project is carried into effect may even conceivably be an increased demand for the white metal, as the Mexican Government will have to accumulate a fair stock of the new coins before the currency scheme is put into force. The after-effects, however, should be to diminish the amount of silver used in Mexico, especially as in such a progressive country the scheme may subsequently be carried to the actual employment of gold, to some extent, in the circulation.

NAVAL COALING PORTS.

Maj.-Gen. Sir A. B. Tulloch gave a lecture at the Royal United States Institution on Nov. 18th on "Naval Coaling Ports and their Garrison." Adm. Sir N. Bowden-Smith occupied the chair, and among those present were Maj.-Gen. Lord Congleton, Maj.-Gen. D. O'Callaghan, Com. Caborne, C.B., R.N.R., Col. Panchas, and Maj.-Gen. Sir A. J. F. Reid.

Maj.-Gen. TULLOCH in his lecture gave an account of British coaling ports between Great Britain and China. Speaking of Gibraltar, he said that the committee which had recently inquired into the subject had confirmed the view that the west was, all things considered, the best place for a harbour. The number of civil inhabitants he considered to be dangerously large, and in view of the great importance of coaling ports he was likely to see as a naval base he was in favour of discouraging its use as a place of trade. He suggested that it should have a garrison of marine battalions. At Malta he recommended a garrison of garrison battalions. Speaking of Weihaiwei he pointed out the resources of the territory and its possible brilliant future, and expressed the opinion that it was much better than a flying naval base. The Germans, he observed, were devoting themselves with characteristic fixity of purpose to the formation of a first-class naval base at Kiaochow. The naval power of Germany had in recent years grown with a rapidity almost equal to that of Japan. In conclusion he expressed the opinion that it would be a useful step to put all the garrisons of coaling ports east of the Cape under one administration—namely, that of India—and that it might be advisable to consider the question of the Navy's taking charge of the special naval strategic points, Gibraltar and Bermuda, and also the islands of Lintock and Weihaiwei, none of which had any great extent of land defence. He was not in favour of the Navy's taking charge of anything else except the submarine mines and searchlights at naval ports.

Lieut.-Gen. G. D. Pritchard, C.B., did not think it would be wise to hand over places like Gibraltar or Bermuda to the Navy. Where fortifications had to be erected and repairs to be carried out there ought to be a force of Royal Engineers. He agreed that Weihaiwei was much better than a flying naval base, and thought it ought to be as strongly fortified as Port Arthur. Submarine mines and searchlights ought to be retained in the hands of the Royal Engineers. Naval officers were now, indeed, being scientifically educated, but that was not formerly the case. In the Dogger Bank affair the staff had an admiral who with searchlights could not distinguish fishing vessels from torpedo-boats. (Laughter.)

Maj.-Gen. D. O'CALLAGHAN thought the mines were in very good hands now. The garrisons ought to have control of the searchlights. He did not see the necessity of naval men having charge of searchlights in order to discriminate between the vessels to be fired upon. It was a vexed question just now what was to be shot at at night. He thought there was no difficulty in distinguishing between a hostile vessel and a friendly vessel. He took it that every vessel at night was a hostile vessel.

Maj.-Gen. Sir GEORGE FRANK considered it absurd that men who were going to fire a big gun at a ship at night should be liable to have the light switched away on to something else. He held that the Navy could not spare men for shore duties.

After a brief reply from Maj.-Gen. Tulloch, THE CHAIRMAN brought the discussion to a close. He said he was glad the fortifications at Weihaiwei had been dropped, because, speaking generally, he was against the multiplication of coaling stations, as we had not the men to garrison them. It was no doubt true to a certain extent to say that our coaling stations were protected by the Fleet, but in order to leave the vessels proper liberty of movement and concentration every important station ought to be able to take care of itself for a month or six weeks. For the Admiralty to take over the larger coaling stations would be altogether out of the question. An arrangement by which guns could be manned by shore-going forces and submarine mines and searchlights taken charge of by the Navy was open to the objection that there might be a failure of cooperation between the different authorities for the defence of the harbour.

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THE PERAK SUGAR CULTIVATION CO., LD.

We are indebted for the following report to the N.C. Daily News.—The nineteenth annual general meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held at Shanghai on Decr. 19th. There were present: Messrs. W. D. Little (Chairman), F. Anderson, A. S. P. White, Cooper, and J. H. McMichael, Directors; Leonard Kerr, Secretary; J. M. Young, A. E. Jones, R. H. Gore-Booth, and G. T. Veitch, representing in all 1,345 shares.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said—The report, which has been in the shareholders' hands for about a fortnight, deals very fully and in detail with the operations of the Company during the past season. I propose that the report should be taken as read. The results of the year's working have been disappointing, owing mainly to the shortness in the supply of labour. It is some satisfaction to know that, in this important matter of extension, the manager's difficulties have been overcome. The labour supply is now ample. One effect of insufficient labour during last season is that the new crop is smaller in area than that just completed; it is hoped, however, that the shortage in area will be balanced by a higher rate of production per acre. A favourable feature in the report, to which I draw attention, is the great increase in the proportion which No. 1 sugar bears to the whole output. It may be remembered that only a few years ago the proportion of No. 1 sugar barely exceeded 75 per cent; this year it is practically 95 per cent, and it is hoped that during this present season the proportion will be still further increased, with some prospect of the No. 2 grade being entirely eliminated. The Directors have received a long and interesting report from Sir Charles Dudgeon, who made a very thorough inspection of all departments, and you will be glad to know that he was very well satisfied with all he saw. Referring to the rubber plantation, Sir Charles reports that this is now an imposing grove of trees, between 30 to 40 feet high, covering an area of about 160 acres. The trees, he says, are looking excellent and the manager hopes to start tapping a few next April; in the following year there should be about 6,000 ready for tapping, and in 1907, 15 to 16 thousand. This venture, which may have an important bearing on the future of the Company, is in the experimental stage so far as the Malay Straits are concerned; it has, however, cost very little. At Klongpong the area under cane for the new crop is still a long way short of the capacity of the plant; progress in this respect having been retarded by the labour question. I hope that this season a considerably larger area may be brought under cane, and with the improved condition of the market for basket sugar, it has not contributed, as it has hitherto done, to the Company's profits. Passing on to the accounts, the Company's assets are practically the same as they were this time last year. Mention has been made before, and it may be well to remind you, that owing to the careful writing down in the past of the book value of the Gula machinery, this now stands amongst the Company's assets at little more than one-fourth of its actual value. The Klongpong plant is comparatively new, having just completed its third year of working, and is reported to be in good condition. Working expenditure shows some increase as compared with last year. It is expected that during the present season some economies may be effected, and the heading of repairs and renewals, which include this year the cost of a new boiler to replace one thrown out, and in manufacturing expenses, regarding the division of the balance in Profit and Loss account, the Directors regret that they are unable to recommend a larger dividend than 5 per cent.

In conclusion, the Chairman said that he was willing to answer any questions that any shareholder might choose to ask.

Mr. A. E. Jones asked if any idea could be given of the amount of rubber that the trees would produce.

The Chairman replied that each tree should produce half-a-pound of rubber at the end of the first year and from two to three pounds at the end of ten years.

Mr. Jones asked for some information as to the price of rubber.

The Chairman said that rubber was at present quoted at about five shillings per pound. The Company had used for this experiment what was simply waste ground and their only expense was labour and the cost of seed; therefore, if the venture turned out a failure, there would be little expense.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. J. H. McMichael seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—That the report and accounts as presented be accepted and passed.

Mr. J. H. McMichael proposed, Mr. F. Anderson seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—That a dividend of five per cent, equal to Tls. 2½ per share, shall be declared for the season ending the 31st December, 1904.

Mr. J. M. Young proposed, Mr. G. T. Veitch seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—That Mr. F. Anderson be re-elected a director of the Company.

Mr. A. E. Jones proposed, Mr. R. H. Gore-Booth seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—That Mr. G. T. Veitch be re-elected auditor and that his remuneration be fixed at Tls. 250 per annum.

The Chairman proposed, Mr. A. S. P. White-Cooper seconded, and it was carried unanimously:—That the next annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company shall be held during the month of December, 1905.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 27th at 11.15 a.m. The barometer has fallen slightly in northern Japan and risen at all other stations.

Pressure is still very high over the interior of China and the gradient on the coast is increasing. Fresh N.E. monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and to the northward, and fresh to strong monsoon in the northern part of the China Sea.

Forecast:—Strong E. to N.E. winds, fine.

TRADE



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H. WEISMANN, Manager.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3001]

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3002]

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1.80	Lemonade
1.80	Tonic Water
1.85	Lithia Water
1.95	Ginger Ale
1.95	Lemon Squash
1.95	Raspberryade
1.95	Stone Ginger Beer

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3003]

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1.80	Lemonade
1.80	Tonic Water
1.85	Lithia Water
1.95	Ginger Ale
1.95	Lemon Squash
1.95	Raspberryade
1.95	Stone Ginger Beer

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [3004]

IF JULIA GRAY or MENZIES will communicate with the undersigned she will hear of something to her advantage. The above was last heard of in Hongkong about the year 1865. Her husband Henry Menzies was then master of the S.S. "Yesso" trading with Hongkong.

Any information as to either of these persons or their children will be gratefully received by their relatives.

JOHN HASTINGS.

Solicitor.

38, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [3005]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that W. SHEWAN, of 8a, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, Merchant, has on the 22nd day of December, 1904, applied for the registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of TRADE MARKS, of the following TRADE MARK:—

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Dated the 27th day of December, 1904. [3005]

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Captain H. Scott, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Wanchai Steaming Company at Wanchai, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 27th December, 1904. [2999]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2953]

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Hongkong, 16th May, 1903. [1703]

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Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

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A REGATTA under the Patronage of

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1. THE GOVERNOR'S CUP: A Challenge Cup presented by H.E. The Governor, for four oars, limited to residents of Hongkong. Each crew to be drawn from a single unit, defined as: A Regiment, a Ship, a Corps, the Volunteers, a Firm, or any body of gentlemen working together in the same profession or calling. If any one unit is not strong enough to provide a complete crew, then any combination of two similar units may be made. A Club whose object is rowing simply is not eligible to compete. Entrance fee, \$10.

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11. Rowing Course—One Mile. It is hoped to arrange a course off Wanchai.

Boats to be approved by the Committee. By kind permission of the V.R.C. and the H.K.B.C., boats will be provided for the first 6 races (in training and at the meeting) on application by intending competitors to the Committee.

Invitations have been sent to other Boat Clubs in the Far East to compete in the Open Races.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON FEBRUARY 1st, 1905, and should be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Central Station. The Committee is constituted as follows: Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E., Chairman; Messrs. E. W. Mitchell, A. Chapman, G. A. Caldwell, C. H. Gale, F. W. Warre, and H. F. Chard, Hon. Treasurer.

E. R. HALLIFAX, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904. [2987]

NOTICE.

CLUB GERMANIA.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Club Germania will be held in the CLUB HOUSE, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th December, 1904, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order, G. FRIESLAND, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th December, 1904. [2992]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

Stonecutters, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th instant, in South-Westerly direction, at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards.

Stonecutters, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, in South-Westerly direction, at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards.

Lyemun, on FRIDAY, the 30th instant, night firing in the direction of Junk Bay, at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards.

If the weather is unfavourable on either date, practice will take place on the following day, but, if unfavourable for night firing, the practice will be cancelled.

Practice will commence about 9 A.M. and finish about 11 A.M. if the range be clear at Stonecutters, and at 7 P.M. and finish about 9 P.M. at Lyemun.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the range.

L. BARNES LAWRENCE, Captain, R.N., Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 21st December, 1904. [2958]

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Hongkong, 17th October, 1899. [2458]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 29th DECEMBER, 1904, at 2.30 P.M., at "WOODLANDSIDE," Castle Road, The Residence of the Late Mr. F. D. GORDON, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

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TERMS:—Cash on delivery. On view from Tuesday, the 27th December. GEO. F. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904. [2975]

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ENGINES AND BOILERS FOR SALE. THE Undersigned have for Sale on moderate terms 2 ENGINES and 8 BOILERS for an Old French Gunboat, in good working order, and fit for seagoing steamers. Intending purchasers will please arrange terms with the CHONG HO SHIP, No. 183, Wing Lok Street, or the U WO TAI SHIP, No. 110, Des Vaux Road West, or the CHOY LEE SHIP, No. 33, Wing Wo Street, Hongkong.

THE TAI LEE COMPANY.

Hongkong, 31st October, 1904. [2560]

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ONE VERTICAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 9 inches diameter by 8 inch stroke.

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One HORIZONTAL ENGINE with Fly Wheel and Governor, one Cylinder 16 inches diameter by 30 inch stroke.

The above can be inspected, and all particulars obtained, upon application to the Manager, Kowloon Docks.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1904. [2388]

SITE AT PEAK FOR SALE.

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CHILDLIKE COSSACKS.

Among the many soldiers' tales received from
the front there is the following delightful nar-
ration published in the *Saratog Listok* in the
actual words of a Cossack, and teeming with
native humour.

"Don't believe, sir, all that Nikifor tells
you; you know he hails from the village of
Kobekoffka, the people of which, all and sundry,
are famous as braggarts, and he tells lies, just
like all the rest. But I will tell you the truth
of the affair. I come from Kobekoffka. Well
we were with the whole division as it retreated
from Sui-mui-tai. After we had gone a day's
march we were disbandled and formed small
detachments. Nikifor, Panas, and I were
sent off to reconnoitre. The sun was going
down, so we halted and entrenched ourselves as
well as we could. This scout of flowers was all
around us. Muchacha is indeed a heathenish
land, and therefore I will—still, it is a lovely
place. Before we laid ourselves down to rest,
we thought we would take a bath in a little
river that ran before us at a distance of about a
couple of hundred paces. You know, we
Orthodox must have our bath. We had gone
only a few steps when we observed about a
dozen almond-eyed yellow-skinned. The devil
only knows where the rascals had come from,
but there they were, just as if they had popped
up out of the ground. True is it that the
yellow-skinned are not the worst enemies,
although they are so sly and artful. We
were not exactly frightened on seeing the
enemy in larger numbers than ourselves. All
the same, it became unpleasant when the
foes advanced against us at a sharp trot. What
was to be done? We had left our rifles and
bayonets behind. There was no help for it; we
must try to get the better of the yellow-skinned
by cunning. So, while the Japanese were
hidden in a small ravine as they were coming
up, we hid ourselves. Panas climbed up a big
tree, growing most conveniently, and dis-
appeared among its branches. I crept into a
large thicket, and Nikifor ran down to the
river and hid himself so carefully among the
boulders that he could scarcely be seen. We
managed to hide ourselves only just in the
nick of time, for the almond-eyed foe came up
and halted just in front of the thicket in which
I was concealed. Then, in their heathenish
language, which no honest Christian under-
stands (Nikifor says he can make out what
they say, but Nikifor comes from Kobekoffka),
the little yellow rascals held a council of war.
Before I could repeat three 'Paternosters' the
yellow devils had settled what they would do.
Nine of them rode off in various directions,
while the tenth, who seemed to be in command,
stationed himself so close to my thicket that I
could almost have seized him in my arms. I
cursed my lot in not having my rifle with me,
for it would have been so easy just to have
settled the rascal with one thrust of my bayonet.
I dared scarcely breathe as I kept my eye on
the foe. How trim and clean he was in a
brand-new uniform with facings of rich em-
broidery in gold.

"All at once the Japanese took a piece of
paper out of his pocket and opened it out,
and—but I don't know how he did it—in a
twinking he had turned the paper into a
drinking-cup. Then he walked down to the
river, took a deep breath, filled his paper goblet
with the refreshing water, and bore it to his
lips. I cried in that draught. As I
watched him and saw that the draught was
greatly to his liking, I could not help calling
out to him, like a good Christian, 'Good health.'
Great heavens! What was the result of my
doing so? That Japanese pulled a whistle out
of his pocket, blew a shrill blast on it, and in
a twinkling up popped his comrades from all
sides; they dragged me out of the thicket and
handcuffed me. Well, while I was considering
how I could manage to give them the slip,
Nikifor called to me from the river-bank. 'Ivan,
you surely are not going to surrender to those
fellows.' Then down he popped his silly head;
but he was too late. If he had not betrayed
himself by calling out, the Japanese would
never have found him. As it was, they went
after him and returned to me dragging Nikifor
along. It served him right for interfering
in my affairs without being asked to give
his opinion. So the Japanese made ready to
take us away with them. Just as we were mov-
ing off, Panas calls out mockingly from his
hiding-place in the treetop: 'Oh, you fatheads,
you fatheads, if only you had kept your tongues
quiet.' Our comrades' scorn coming from his
hiding-place made us mad with rage; we wanted
to get at him. But the Japanese, the yellow
heathen, broke out into fiendish laughter, and
then one of them skipped up the tree and
dislodged the shamefaced Panas by prodding
him with a bayonet. We were marched off to
pass the night with our captors, who did not
have the laugh over us for very long, for on the
morrow we managed to escape from them."

On the 24th August the Russian warships
commenced to dismantle and then anchored
alongside the wharf of the Chinese Eastern
Railway Company.

Then the Japanese Consul-General in
Shanghai informed the Shanghai Taotai, that
China should despatch a warship to take up a
position near the Russian warships to watch
them.

Then the Russian Minister asked the Wai-
wup to keep the Chinese warship to watch the
Russian warships at a distance so as to maintain
the dignity of the Russian warships.

At the end of the 8th moon, namely the
beginning of October, the Viceroy at Nanking
ordered the cruiser *Kinching* to come to Shang-
hai to watch the Russian warships.

At the beginning of the 10th moon (November)
the *Kinching* came to Shanghai and anchored at
the Southern wharf, when the crew of the
Kinching came to Shanghai and were removed
on board the *Mandou*, but the Captain of the
Russian torpedo-boat destroyer is missing.

On the 26th November the crew of the
Robtsoopy came to Shanghai by the Chinese
cruiser *Haiyung*.

On a certain day the Japanese Consul-General
wrote the Shanghai Taotai asking to have the
Kinching at a nearer position to the Russian
warship as she is too far away from them.

Then the Shanghai Taotai answered the
Japanese Consul-General that the *Kinching*
being damaged is now repairing in the dock and
cannot undock before the beginning of the 12th
moon (January 1905), but when properly re-
paired she will be moored at Shanghai.

Then it was reported that the Japanese Consul-
General wished to have the Chinese cruiser
anchored at the China Merchants' Pootung
wharf instead of Shanghai as the latter place
was too far away from the Russian warships.

However the idea of the Shanghai Taotai was
that as Shanghai being below the stream from
the position of the Russian warships is prefer-
able and he had decided to anchor the *Kinching*
at the front of the International Dock at
Shanghai.

The Japanese Consul-General further warned
the Shanghai Taotai that at this moment it was
very important to watch the Russian warship.
If owing to the repairs of the *Kinching* there
was no Chinese warship to watch them, there
might something unexpected happen and there-
fore the Shanghai Taotai should get instruc-
tions from Viceroy Chou Fu to despatch other
warships. The Taotai has asked the Viceroy
to despatch the cruiser *Nanchin*, but she has
not come here yet.

There are many reports that the Russian
cruiser coaled over one thousand tons and that
duplicates of the parts of the machinery which
were removed have been obtained by her so
as to slip out of Shanghai to meet the
Baltic fleet, &c. On Dec. 13th the Japan-
ese Consul-General wrote the Shanghai Taotai
giving the reasons for such rumour.

The *Sinwanpo* adds. As to the number of
wounded crew of the Russian warships, for
whom the Consul-General has asked the Shang-
hai Taotai to get permission to return home,
the Shanghai Taotai has been ordered by the
Peking Government by wire to examine the
said wounded crew and report upon their actual
condition. Therefore the Taotai has asked
the Commissioner of Imperial Customs in
Shanghai to engage a foreign doctor to see the
wounded crew and report upon them.

THE PRETENSIONS OF THE WAR CORRESPONDENT.

The plaint of the War Correspondents who
have been sent empty away by the Japanese
is handled severely in *Blackwood*. The cor-
respondent complains that he cannot "do his
work." What work, pray, has he to do? asks
Maga. "A distinguished journalist, popularly
known as the doyen of the War Correspondents,
has retired in dudgeon to Tientsin, like Achilles
to his tent; and doubtless he believes that
military operations will be suspended until he
has recovered from the sulks. Meanwhile he
takes revenge by abusing the Japanese, who
have set the safety of their army above his con-
venience; and, if his pride equal his temerity,
he is congratulating himself that he has made
his adversaries suffer. It appears that the
War Correspondent is as delicate an
organism as the motor-car. He goes blunder-
ing about the battlefield, which he has
no business to traverse, in the same aimless
fashion in which the goggled chauffeur
rattles up and down the highway. Both
journalist and motor-car deal death and destruc-
tion as they pass, and if you protest in either
case, you are told that you are interfering with
"a delicate industry." Yet, as the highroads
were made centuries before motor-cars came to
destroy, so in the old days wars were conducted
with dignity and honour, although no journalist
followed the movements of the armies, although
no telegraphic wire transmitted their victories
and defeats to the ends of the earth.

One newspaper is bold enough to charge Japan
with "departing from the military usage of all
Western nations," and to assert that our allies
have committed "solely from the point of view
of their own interests, a profound political error."
This assertion is little better than *Blackmail*
and the deplorable practice of three great wars
does not make a "military usage." But the news-
papers seem to regard the Japanese generals as
thieves upon a stage, and they do not scruple to
threaten them with a bad press, unless they
accede instantly to a monstrous demand. The
correspondents, in fact, believe that they can do
no wrong. We have even been told that we
must not speak a word in their dispraise, because
they carry their lives in their hands when they
go to the front. On that same principle we
should applaud the valour of the rascally camp-
followers, who hang on the heels of an army for
the sake of plunder, or to the stealthy burglar who
goes out with dark lantern and crowbar to crack
a crib. However, neither Russia nor Japan is
likely to be intimidated by newspapers, and if
they remain obdurate, the War Correspondents
may date their downfall from this campaign in
the East."

CHINA AND RUSSIAN WARSHIPS IN SHANGHAI.

Recently, says the *Universal Gazette*, foreign
newspapers have frequently reported that two
of the Russian warships at Shanghai are coaling
in order to escape from the port and to meet
the Baltic fleet. The matter is one of the most
grave nature, and if the reports in foreign
papers be true China cannot escape from the
responsibility of her neutral duties being vio-
lated. It will cause Shanghai to be involved in
the trouble and it will not only cause accusations
from Japan but the Powers concerned will
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NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SENCA	Brit. str.	—	—	STANDARD OIL CO., LD.	About 25th Jan.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	R. S. ISSA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	About 20th Jan.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHANIAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Robinson	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	Today.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF CHINA	Brit. str.	2 m.	E. Beetham, R.N.R.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c.	FELTUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	Barwise	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 14th Jan.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.	—	T. W. Garlick	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 9th Jan. at Daylight.
PORTLAND, OREGON	NICOMEDIA	Brit. str.	—	Wagner	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Today, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	JAYA	Brit. str.	1 m.	S. Barclay	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow.
KOBE	KASHING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd Jan.
KOBE	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	Harder	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
SHANGHAI	TAIWAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI DIRECT	FRANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 30th inst. at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	About 31st inst.
SHANGHAI DIRECT	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan. at Daylight.
SHANGHAI	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan. at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan. at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 9th inst. at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 30th inst. at 4 P.M.
SWATOW	LOKASANG	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 31st inst. at 10 A.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	About 3rd Jan.
MANILA	TREMONT	Brit. str.	—	—	T. W. Garlick	On 7th Jan. at 10 A.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	—	R. Rodger	Quick despatch.
MANILA	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA JAPAN LINE	To-day, at 6 P.M.
JAVA PORTS	TAIYUAN	Brit. str.	—	—	DAVID SASSON & CO.	On 3rd Jan. at 3 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	GREGORY APCAR	Brit. str.	—	Tadd	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	—
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	—	—	—

VESSELS ON THE BERTH



AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, KARACHI,
ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.
Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils,
to South Africa, Persian Gulf, Red
Sea, Black Sea, Levant, Venice and
Adriatic Ports.

THE Company's Steamship
"GISELA".
Captain Danilovich, will be despatched as above
on THURSDAY, the 29th inst., P.M.
For information as to Passage and Freight,
apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Princes Buildings,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1904.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON,
SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN,
EGYPT, MARSEILLES,
LONDON, HAVRE, BOR-
DEAUX, MEDITERRA-
NEAN AND BLACK SEA
PORTS.

THE Steamship

"DUMBEA".
Captain Charbonnel, will be despatched for
MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 10th
January, 1905, at 1 P.M.
Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading
issued for above ports.
Cargo also booked for principal places in
Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:
S.S. "AUSTRALIAN" 24th January, 1905.
S.S. "SALAZIE" 7th February, 1905.
L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

SS. "RAS ISSA" ... 30th Jan., 1905.
SS. "CLAVERTON" ... 30th Jan., 1905.
For freight and further information apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 8th November, 1904.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALACCA COAST).

THE Steamship

"SENECA".
will be despatched as above on or about the
25th January, 1905, instead of as previously
advertised.
For Freight & further information, apply to
STANDARD OIL COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
Oriental Freight Department.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1904.

NATAL LINE OF STEAMERS.

THE Undersigned GENERAL AGENTS
in CHINA and JAPAN for the above Line
are prepared to issue THROUGH BILLS
OF LADING for all the principal ports in
South Africa, in connection with INDO
CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION Co.'s fortnightly
service hence to CALCUTTA. Sailings from
CALCUTTA for CAPE PORTS every fortnight.
For Freight and further particulars,
apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.
General Agents for China and Japan.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1897.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI".

Captain T. Austin, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong, on
Week Days, at 8 A.M.; and on Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M.; Departs from Macao on Week Days
about 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.

FARES—(week days) 1st Class including cabin
and servant, Single \$3, Return Ticket \$5.
2nd Class \$1. 3rd Class 50 cents.

Every Sunday will be on Excursion, at the
following rates:
1st and 2nd Class, Single Ticket \$1, Return
3rd Class, Single Ticket 50 cents, Return
50 cents. Steerage 10 cents.

Tiffin and Dinner can be supplied either on
board, or at the Macao Hotel, for returning
Passengers only, at an extra charge of \$2.

On Sundays, Passengers desiring to have a
Private Cabin, which has accommodation for
two or more Passengers, will be charged \$3
extra.

First Class Passengers who do not care to
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed
to do so the following day (Monday) on produc-
tion of the Return Half Ticket. Should the
Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to the
Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the
Captain, and the Half-ticket will be available
for the following day.

The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.
The Steamer's Wharf at Hongkong is at the
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON & CO.

2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 7th October, 1904.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British Steamship

"YING KING".
Captain E. J. Page, 1488 tons. Registered, is
the newest, fastest and most luxuriously furnished
steamer on the line and is lighted throughout
with electricity; hot and cold water service.
The engine is unexcelled.

Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY
WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING,
at 9 P.M., and returning from Canton every
following evening at 5 P.M.

1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single journey
2nd ... 1.50
3rd ... 1.00 each.
The steamer's wharf is at the Western end
of Wing Lok Street.

YUK ON S.S. CO., LD.

No. 216, Wing Lok Street.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA

REGULAR STEAM-SHIP SERVICES BETWEEN

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS

AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
ANPING, VIA SWATOW	"DECIMA"	FRIDAY, 30th
AND AMOY	SCHLAIKIER	Dec., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 1st Jan.
AND AMOY	H. A. HARALDSEN	at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW	"TRIUMPH"	WEDNESDAY, 4th
AND AMOY	A. HANSEN	Jan., at Daylight.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW	"M. STRUVE"	SUNDAY, 3rd Jan.
AND AMOY	T. BRANDT	at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new steamers have
been requisitioned for transport service, and the above-named chartered steamers have been
secured instead for maintenance of the Company's coastal service. As soon as the state of
affairs permit, the Company will resume running with its specially designed new steamers.
For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office
at No. 8 Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 27th December, 1904.

T. ARINA, Manager.

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PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG VIA INLAND

SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE

OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP

TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON

"NICOMEDIA" 4370 Wagner January 9th, 1905.

"NUMANTIA" 4370 Bremer January 31st, 1905.

"ARABIA" 4483 Balle February 20th, 1905.

"ARAGONIA" 5188 Schladt March 12th, 1905.

Through bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate
with or apply to

ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

LIMITED.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR

+ SHANGHAI DIRECT "ESANG" Wednes., 28th Dec., 4 P.M.

+ SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW "KWONGSANG" Thurs., 29th Dec., 4 P.M.

+ SHANGHAI DIRECT "LOKSANG" Fri., 30th Dec., 4 P.M.

+ MANILA "LOONGSANG" Fri., 30th Dec., 4 P.M.

+ SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA "LAISANG" Tues., 3rd Jan., 3 P.M.

These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted
throughout with Electric Light.

Taking Cargo on Through-Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN, AND EUROPE, VIA CANAD.

AND THE UNITED STATES.

CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND

VICTORIA, B.C.

SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.

"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

R.M.S. "ATHENIAN" 3889 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 28th Dec.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF CHINA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 11th Jan.

R.M.S. "TARTAR" 4,425 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 25th Jan.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF INDIA" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 8th Feb.

R.M.S. "EMPEROR OF JAPAN" 6,000 Tons. WEDNESDAY, 8th Mar.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence & Co. via New York \$262.

Intermediate on Steamers, and 1st Class Rail, \$40. " " \$42.

The magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPEROR" STEAMSHIPS passing through the

famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA to

VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS and make connection with the PALATIAL OVERLAND

TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Navy

Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of Chinese

or Japanese Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Handbooks, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to

D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent,

9, Redner Street.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer. Tons. Captain. Sailing Date.

TREMONT 9,606 T. W. Garlick January 14th

LYRA 4,417 G. V. Williams February 9th

PLEIADES 3,753 F. G. Furlington March 4th

Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

S.S. TREMONT 9,606 tons. T. W. Garlick About 3rd January.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND

CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSE.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAMUT" and "TREMONT" have just been fitted with very
superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels
ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo
carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.

GENERAL AGENTS.

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

OSTASIATISCHER FRACHTDAMPFER-DIENST.

Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN,

LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS in the

LEVANT, BLACK SEA and BALTIC PORTS, NORTH and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS. DESTINATIONS. SAILING DATE.

ARMENIA { HAVRE and HAMBURG } On 1st Jan. Freight.

Capt. Forst { Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo } On 10th Jan. Freight.

C. FERD. LAEISZ { HAVRE and HAMBURG } On 22nd Jan. Freight.

Capt. von Hoff { Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo } On 27th Jan. Freight.

AMERICA { HAVRE and HAMBURG } On 7th Feb. Freight.

Capt. Porzelius { Calling at Singapore, Penang and Colombo } On 21st Feb. Freight.

SITHONIA { HAVRE and HAMBURG } On 7th Mar. Freight & Passengers.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD. JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PRIAM"	On 4th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"WRAYCASTLE"	On 5th January.

HOMWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and	"MOYUNE"	On 3rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and	"HYSON"	On 17th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and	"HECTOR"	On 20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and	"PRIAM"	On 31st January.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and	"PELEUS"	On 28th December.

For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBÉ, MANILA, KOBÉ, DARWIN, THURSDAY, ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills of lading for the principal places in Russia.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES	1904
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY	4th January 1905
ROON	WEDNESDAY	18th January
RAYERN	WEDNESDAY	1st February
ZIKTEN	WEDNESDAY	15th February
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	1st March
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY	15th March
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY	29th March
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	12th April
PRINZ BIEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY	26th April

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of JANUARY, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "SEYDLITZ," Captain C. Doyers, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on MONDAY, the 2nd January. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M., on TUESDAY, the 3rd January, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on TUESDAY, the 3rd January.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL.

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:—

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
S.S. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
S.S. "INDRABELLI"	Captain S. Collington.
S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. P. Dawson.
S.S. "CANTLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cor.
S.S. "INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
S.S. "SEKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
S.S. "SEALDA"	Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to
GIRB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light. Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Sat., 31st Dec., 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	Sat., 7th Jan., 10 A.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS.	JAPAN	Second half of January	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January
TJILATJAP.	JAVA PORTS	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of January
TJIMAH.	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of February

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the
HEAD AGENCY OF THE
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Telephone No. 375.

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.
Hongkong, 28th December, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
"SITHONIA,"
Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignment by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY, the 23rd inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM TRIESTE, FUME, PORT SAID, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"CHINA,"
having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo:—
From Levant ex s.s. *Amphitrite*, transhipped at Port Said.

From Venice ex s.s. *Venus*, transhipped at Trieste.

From Trieste ex s.s. *Imperator*, transhipped at Bombay.

From Zanzibar ex s.s. *Korber*, transhipped at Aden.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before Noon, on the 30th December, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 30th December, will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **SANDER, WIELER & CO.,** Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1904.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN
IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
THE Steamship
"ROON,"
OF THE NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived. Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M., TO-DAY, the 22nd inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Thursday, the 29th inst., at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 3rd January, 1905, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1904.

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
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